

# THE CURRENT.

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New Mexico should make a long and loud appeal for admission into the sisterhood of states. It is necessary that the people of this territory should take the matter up and push it with energy, for statehood would never be a point in the history of the territory. When she would take her place among the states, New Mexico would be a safe field for the investment of eastern capital and the development of the territory would be a great benefit to the people and the expenditure of millions of dollars in developing these resources. People and especially men of money, are averse to moving to a territory because they believe the people ignorant and unable to govern themselves, and consequently a dangerous people to live among. However, about this statement may seem, it is nevertheless true, as many of the leading men of the territory, men who have tried to interest eastern capitalists in business enterprises of different character, can testify. Again, people do not like to move to a place where they have no voice either in the territorial or national government, it takes from them that right which belongs to every American citizen—the right of suffrage. With a voice in the affairs of this government, New Mexico could demand much she can never hope to get as a territory; in the appropriations made by each session of congress for river and harbor improvements, New Mexico could secure her share of these appropriations for government irrigation enterprises and to build storage reservoirs. In the way thousands of dollars would be expended annually within her boundaries and the people would reap the benefits. Some claim that statehood would mean an increase of the tax rate, but this is a sad mistake. The people would elect competent officials then instead of having a lot of thieving politicians and carpet-baggers appointed as is the case at the present time. It matters not how incompetent an official may be, so long as this is a territory the people have not the power to remove such official from office; but give us statehood and the right to elect the officials and see how quick the present incompetent and thieving officials are ousted. Honest men would then administer the affairs of the state and such radical changes would take place in expenditures as would reduce the present tax rate one-half to two-thirds. Now is a good time for this territory to be admitted; the republican party has promised her admission, so let the people knock loud and long and until they are heard. Statehood would mean the opening of the door to prosperity and wealth to the people of New Mexico. Do they want it, or do they want to drag along in the same old way, regarded as a set of ignorant people, unfit to govern themselves and unfit to have a voice in their own government?

Daniel McMillan, of Buffalo, N. Y., who has been promised the appointment of judge of the fifth judicial district by President McKinley, to succeed Chas. A. Leland, has arrived in Santa Fe with his son Ross. San Marcial Bee.

This is more republican home rule for New Mexico. The republican national platform declared in favor of home rule for the territories and now McKinley sends us another carpet-bagger instead of appointing a competent man from among the many residing in the territory. People should run all carpet-baggers out and if necessary the shot gun rule should be applied to rid the territory of them. In nine cases out of ten they are broken down politicians, thoroughly incompetent and in no way suited for the positions to which they are appointed. When the people of New Mexico rebel against carpet-baggers as did the people of the south, then will competent and reliable home men be appointed for such positions. The republicans promised home rule for all territories and even before the election was over that promise was broken. Will the republicans treat their statehood promise in the same way?

The prosperity spoken of so frequently is becoming more apparent each day since the election. As evidences Standard Oil stock and Salt Trust shares have advanced materially and all others expect to soon follow. Also dressed beef from the parker has advanced. If it could be shown where wages are advancing along with the necessities of life it would be a pleasing condition, a prosperous one, but it is not the way the present brand of prosperity works. Springer Stockman.

The republicans are admitting the election of C. W. Wingfield for sheriff. The twelve votes at San Marcial which were cast without registration cannot

be counted, and that loss to Gonzalez elects Wingfield. It begins to look like Lincoln county is democratic after all. White Oaks Eagle.

## An Extraordinary Proposition.

The statements made since the election by leading members of the dominant party with reference to the increase in the regular army, foreshadow a complete realization of the worst fears of those citizens of the country who cast their ballots against a policy of imperialism, says the Houston Post.

It is no longer a question whether we will have a large army, adding scores of millions annually to the burden of government expenditure, but the new form in which this increase is to be provided for, is, if anything, more alarming than the mere increase itself.

It is now proposed to authorize a permanent establishment of say 50,000 or 60,000 men and at the same time confer upon the president the "discretion" to raise the total force to 100,000 men when he may deem such further increase necessary.

This is the most radical step toward imperialism, the boldest most aggressive move. For increasing the power of the executive. By one legis of peace in this country, the president of the United States, would be clothed with the powers of an emperor.

The constitution provides that the army shall be raised only by vote of congress with specific appropriations for a specific number and for a maximum period. Congress has no right to delegate such authority, but we have seen recently, unfortunately, that not only is congress ready to acquiesce in disregard of the constitution, but to surrender much of its authority to the executive. The mere fact that congress is thus disposed is one of the most dangerous political developments of the times.

That a party in power would under our constitution seriously contemplate placing a large increase of the regular army within the simple "discretion" of the president would be well nigh incredible were it not we have seen the remarkable subservience of the congress and of the country to the executive within the past twelve months.

Truly we are rushing into imperialism with a wild and reckless whirl. The "power of attorney" issued on the 6th of this month is being interpreted as absolute and without limitations.

It is no defense to say that McKinley would not abuse the extraordinary grant of authority. For any other man in the republic should ever be clothed with such "discretion." It is far preferable that the army should be raised to even 200,000 men in the constitutional way than that the president should be empowered to add 30,000 or 40,000 men to the establishment on his own motion and of his own sweet will.

And if the people quietly sit by and accept such a usurpation by the executive then we have been already "Mexicanized," and placed upon the high road to a dictatorship and a military despotism.

## Washington Letter.

Washington, Nov. 16, 1900.

If radical republicans can have their way the coming session of Congress will see a political fight not equalled in intensity and bitterness since the republicans tried to pass the notorious force bill. The object now is the same—it was then—to curtail the political power of the south. The present scheme of the radicals is to have the reapportionment bill under the new census provide for a reduction of the representation in congress and of the electoral votes of nearly every one of the southern states. Needless to say that the democrats in the house and senate will to a man fight such a bill to the last ditch with every legislative weapon at their command, and those weapons can be made effective enough in the Senate, if not in the House, to block all business for the entire session if it becomes necessary to prevent action on the bill. Mr. McKinley does not at present favor this scheme, but that gives no assurance that he will not favor it later. He is a follower, not a leader, of his party, and he is likely to repeat his Porto Rican somersault, if the radicals can control the republican caucuses of the house and senate. Senator Thurston, of Neb., seems to be hankering after the leadership of the radicals in the senate.

The Carnegie armor trust gets a contract aggregating \$17,000,000, and the Midvale Steel Co., which under bid the trust, in the first place, gets left. That is the sum and substance of Secretary Long's dickering with the steel trust for a price on armor for our new warships.

A statement was this week officially given out denying that this government was in any way hampering the negotiations with China, as charged by American correspondents of London papers, and asserting that Minister Conger and Mr. Rockhill have authority to act in their discretion upon all matters of detail connected with negotiations.

Senator Vest, of Mo., returned to Washington this week in better physical condition than he has been for five or six years, and his talk indicates his intention to take his old-time active part in the business of the senate at the coming session of congress. Senator Vest has opinions on all things political and does not hesitate to express them. He said of the proposition to reorganize the democratic party: "It is nonsense to talk reorganization of the party at this time. All that the democrats can do is to await developments in the future and renew our allegiance to the principles of the party as announced by Jefferson." Speaking of Mr. McKinley's re-election Senator Vest said: "There is no cause for discouragement to democrats in the result of the election. History has simply repeated itself. No political party in this country has ever been able to defeat an administration which was carrying on a foreign war. The Federal party was destroyed because of its opposition to the war of 1812. Thousands of patriotic citizens, who were really opposed to the foreign policy of Mr. McKinley, voted for him because they thought that we should first end the war in the Philippines and then settle other questions connected with the archipelago. And now we are more free heard in the campaign from conservative men than the argument that it would not do to discredit our government by withdrawing the troops from the Philippines while armed opposition to the government existed there. I believe this feeling did more for President McKinley than any other one factor in the election."

It is said that the order for Russell B. Harrison's honorable discharge from the volunteer service—he has been a Lieut. Col. of volunteers—which was this week issued by the War Department, was instigated by feeling against his father, ex-President Harrison, for not having been more active in his support of Mr. McKinley in the campaign. The reason given was that his services were no longer required, but the fact that other volunteer officers are being sent to the Philippines on every transport prevents its acceptance by those who think his discharge a whim at his father's.

Political parties are like individuals the more they get the more they want. Ross Hanna has ordered that Senator Blackburn's right to his seat shall be contested. This may or may not follow, as Ross Hanna has found out long ago that there are a number of republican Senators who will not be tossed by him. Senator Blackburn's term will not begin until March 4, next. It is quite safe to say that he will get the seat he was elected to fill, notwithstanding the big republican majority in the senate.

Mr. McKinley's request made to the Cabinet this week, that each of them retain their portfolios under the new administration, which has been widely exploited as something extraordinary, was in reality but a bit of buncombe, a sort of official certificate of character for each of the gentlemen who are members of the Cabinet. It is not probable that any President who was ever re-elected failed to ask the members of his cabinet to remain with him although there is no record of any of them having chosen Mr. McKinley's way of doing it—a speech at a cabinet meeting. Nothing is more certain than that there will be changes in the cabinet when the next administration begins.

## House of Delight For Children.

Fairmount park, Philadelphia, has a children's playhouse which has been open for 16 months. One thousand children have been entertained there in a single day, but 350 is the average number. Boys over 10 are barred. All other children are welcomed. The house is fitted with swings, sawsaws, wagons and tricycles for the older ones, and hammocks, baby jumpers, rocking horses and building blocks for the younger ones. For the little ones who are too young to walk a big creeping pad is provided. In the sand pavilion are 12 tons of white sand. For those who meet with injury a trained nurse is in attendance to administer consolation and necessary treatment.

The institution was bequeathed by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith.

## Notes For The Table.

English walnuts and filberts in the our have been introduced here from England this season and have been much in demand for luncheon and dinner parties. They arrived here perfectly fresh after a voyage in cold storage on an ocean liner, and as the flavor is deliciously sweet they make a very desirable delicacy. Arranged in a cut glass bowl these nuts, with their green bars, are an ornament to the table.

## FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

### A Boy Hunter.

There is a 6-year-old slayer of wild game in California. His name is Austin Otis, and he can bring down a deer with as clean and pretty a shot as any veteran hunter in the country.

"Straight through the heart" is the motto of this sportsman in knickerbockers when he sights big game, and straight through the heart goes the bit of steel that vanquishes his victim, for the small, brown, childish finger on the trigger is obedient to a keen eye, a bright mind and a very natural ambition to be an "good shot as papa."

"Papa" himself couldn't have done a neater bit of sportsman's work than Austin achieved recently. That plucky youngster went hunting recently with no companion but a half breed foxhound. Within two hours he had killed a young buck weighing 65 pounds.

After the buck had dropped the lad scrambled to the spot where it lay, drew a knife from his pocket and cut its throat, just as he had seen his fa-

### In Training Children.

At the recent church congress held at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, Lady Frederick Cavendish said at a mothers' meeting: "I have never been blessed with children, but have had ten brothers and sisters younger than myself and any number of nephews and nieces and would just give one parting word of advice with regard to the management of the young ones. Begin early and never let a child have a thing simply because he cries for it. I think it is a bad rule to be indulgent with young children and stricter with them as they grow older. I think it should be vice versa. When you have a child in good habits, then as the years go on you can relax your efforts a little. Good habits have been formed, and the child can find its own feet."

### An Experienced Missionary.

Miss Ella Greenadyke of Hartford, Conn., has been sent to Sierra Leone, where the massacres of missionaries occurred a year ago. Miss Greenadyke has spent four years in Africa.

### Makefing's Clever Ape In London.

Makefing's ape, who displayed so much intelligence during the famous siege and so much antipathy to the floors, has been brought to this country by the officer who trained him and has proved an object of curiosity to the camp at Salisbury plain. Its principal duty in the beleaguered town was to ring the alarm bell the moment the Boers commenced firing, and it performed this work in so indefatigable and conscientious a manner as to merit the approval of all the residents. Having sounded the tocsin and warned the inhabitants, the ape scurried off to its underground bombproof hole, thus proving that it thoroughly realized the danger to itself as well as to others.—London Telegraph.

### One's Will.

One day a little water—indeed, he wasn't naughty, though the others tried to hush and keep him still—

Said, "You mustn't think, my comrades, that I'm quarrelsome or naughty. But I want to be a rainmaker, and I will!"

So the sun came shining gladly, and the wind came blowing merrily, and the little water leaped up to catch the light, and for half a glorious minute, with only a shine in it, he flashed in seven colors on the sight.

So when behind your back the harder you come trouping, while the sun only peeps and pleasure craves, and over the horizon work your heavy lead is dropping, just think you of that rainbow and that wave.—Harriet Prescott Spofford in St. Nicholas.

### A Water Clock.

Pass a strip of paper lengthwise on a tall glass jar. Make a glass siphon by bending a two foot tube into a U, one leg of which is three inches longer than the other. Fill the jar with water and after sucking gently the end of the siphon which hangs outside the jar place a paper over the open top to prevent evaporation. At the end of half an hour mark on the paper a line showing the height of the water and the time according to a watch. At the end of another half hour make other marks, and so on. Or if you choose record the 15 minute heights. It will be instructive to compare watch time with water time.

### She Was New.

Dolly was out for a walk and met an old friend of her grandfather's.

"And how old are you, little one?" asked the old gentleman.

But Dolly was indignant.

"I'm hardly old at all. I'm nearly new!" she answered, tossing her head.

### Had Seen Sister.

It was Dot's first visit to the country, and she was very much interested in the pigs' curly tails. At last an idea occurred to her. "Auntie," she said, "does uncle put the pigs' tails in out papers every night?"

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Leave Pecos ..... 1:15 p. m.  
Arrives at Carlsbad at ..... 4:30 p. m.  
Leaves Carlsbad at ..... 5:15 p. m.  
Arrives at Roswell at ..... 8:15 p. m.  
Arrives at Amarillo at ..... 9:00 p. m.

SOUTH BOUND.  
Leaves Amarillo at ..... 5:30 a. m.  
Arrives at Roswell at ..... 8:30 p. m.  
Arrives at Carlsbad at ..... 9:15 p. m.  
Leaves Carlsbad at ..... 10:00 a. m.  
Arrives at Pecos at ..... 11:30 a. m.  
(The south bound train lays over night in Carlsbad.)

### Contest Notice.

Department of the Interior  
United States Land Office,  
Roswell, N. M., October 20, 1900.

A subsequest contest against having been filed in this office by Chas. W. Bowman, Jr., contestant, against homestead entry No. 130 made July 10, 1890, for the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 3, the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 4, township 14 N., range 26 E., by Samuel B. Mead, contestant, in which it is alleged that the said Samuel B. Mead has wholly abandoned said tract and changed his residence therefrom for more than six months since making said entry, and next prior to the date of said amendment; that said tract is not settled upon and cultivated by said party as required by law, and that said alleged absence from the said land was not due to his employment in the army, navy or marine corps of the United States as a private soldier, officer, seaman or marine during the war with Spain, or during any other war in which the United States may be engaged; said parties are hereby notified to appear and answer and evidence touching said allegation at 10 o'clock a. m. on December 24, 1900, before the register and receiver at the United States land office in Roswell, New Mexico.

The said contestant having, in a proper amendment, filed October 20, 1900 set forth facts which show that after due diligence personal service of this notice can not be made, it is hereby ordered and directed that such notice be given by due and proper publication.

HOWARD ISLAND, Register.  
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